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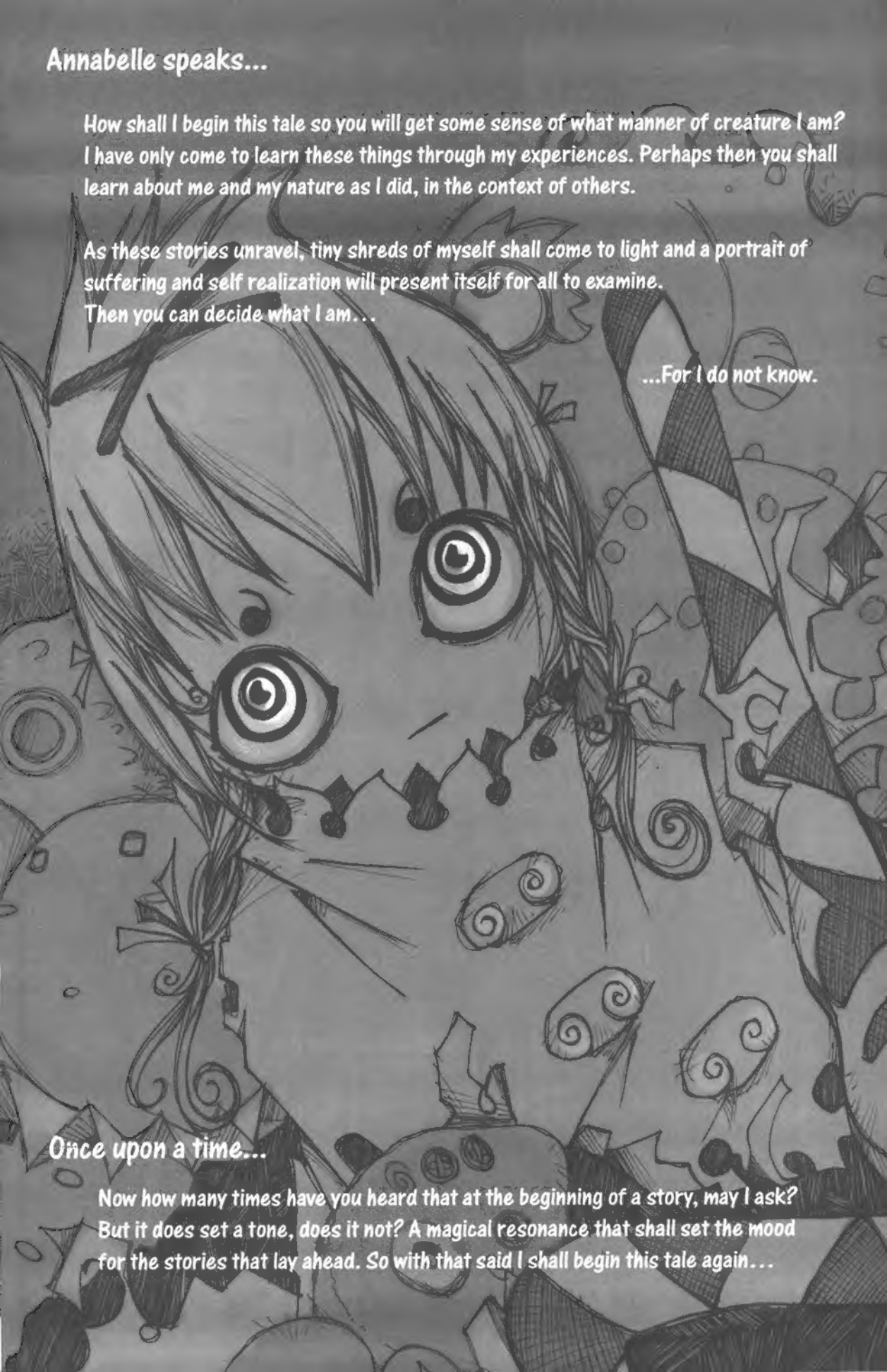


Annabelle speaks...

How shall I begin this tale so you will get some sense of what manner of creature I am? I have only come to learn these things through my experiences. Perhaps then you shall learn about me and my nature as I did, in the context of others.

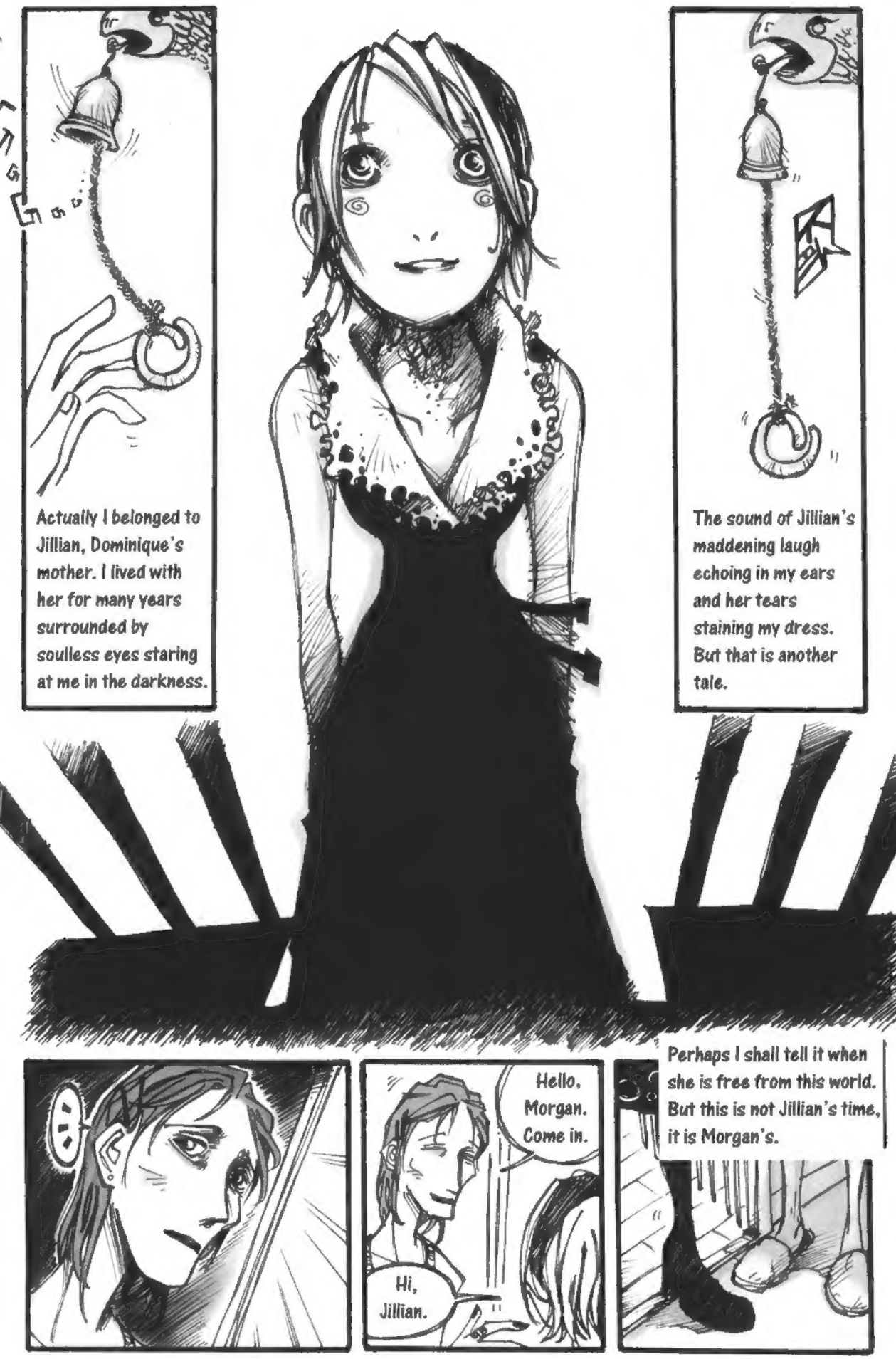
As these stories unravel, tiny shreds of myself shall come to light and a portrait of suffering and self realization will present itself for all to examine.
Then you can decide what I am...

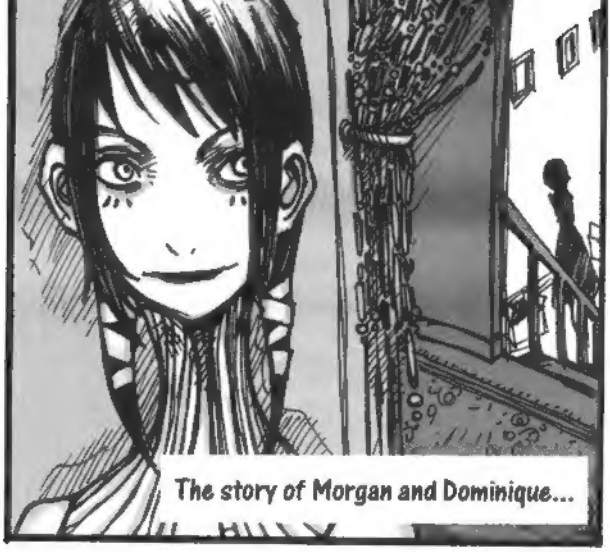
...For I do not know.

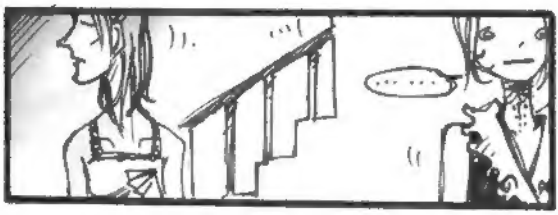
Once upon a time...

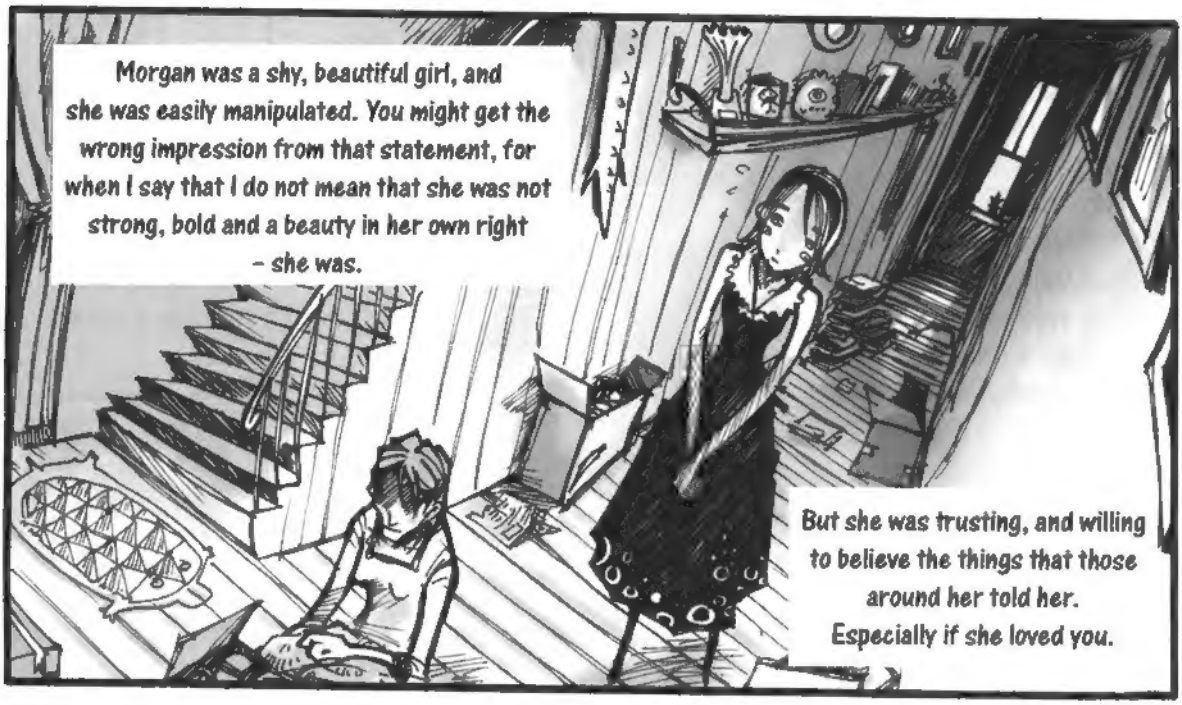
Now how many times have you heard that at the beginning of a story, may I ask? But it does set a tone, does it not? A magical resonance that shall set the mood for the stories that lay ahead. So with that said I shall begin this tale again...

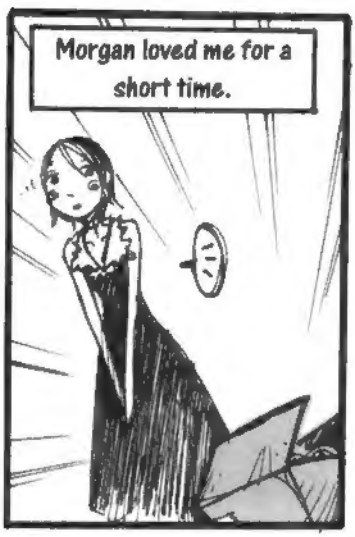
Once upon a time there was a lovely young woman named Morgan. She wanted nothing more in her life than contentment, someone to love her and peace of mind.
Sadly, she never achieved her dreams... but that shall reveal itself as this story unfolds.
She found me one afternoon at her friend Dominique's house.


Actually I belonged to Jillian, Dominique's mother. I lived with her for many years surrounded by soulless eyes staring at me in the darkness.
The sound of Jillian's maddening laugh echoing in my ears and her tears staining my dress. But that is another tale.
Perhaps I shall tell it when she is free from this world. But this is not Jillian's time, it is Morgan's.
Hello, Morgan. Come in.
Hi, Jillian.

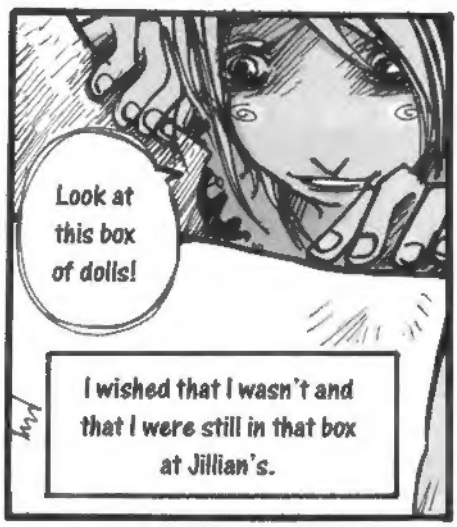

The story of Morgan and Dominique...

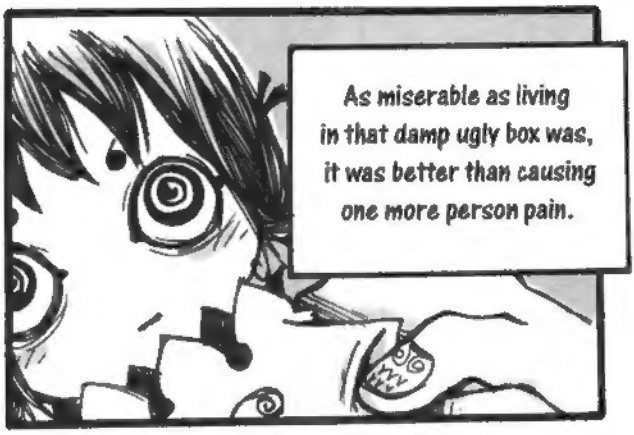



Morgan was a shy, beautiful girl, and she was easily manipulated. You might get the wrong impression from that statement, for when I say that I do not mean that she was not strong, bold and a beauty in her own right – she was.
But she was trusting, and willing to believe the things that those around her told her. Especially if she loved you.


Morgan loved me for a short time.

She would sit in her room and tell me her secrets and she would wish that I were real.


Look at this box of dolls!
I wished that I wasn't and that I were still in that box at Jillian's.

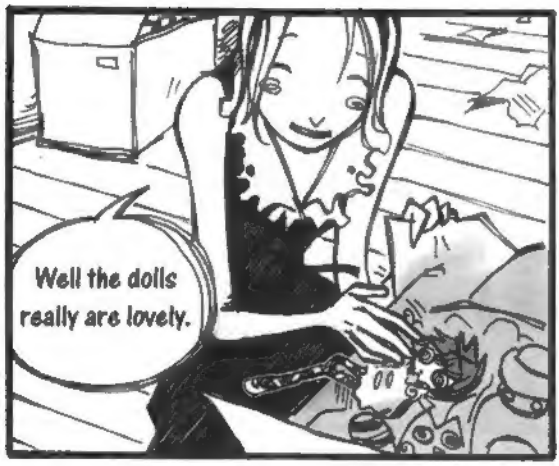


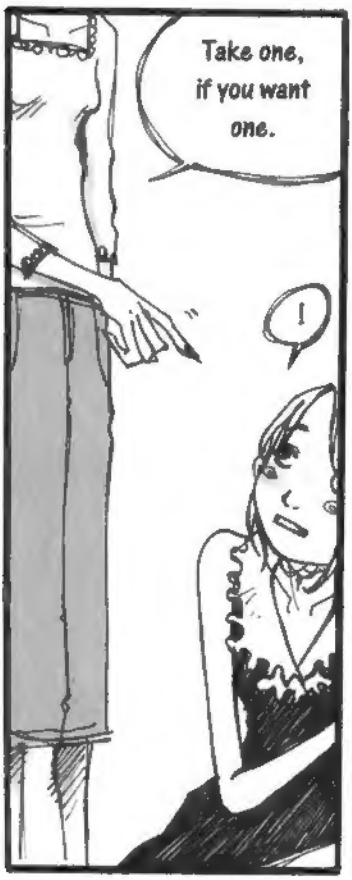
Poor Morgan.

Morgan's sweetness and capacity to love was her virtue - and ultimately her downfall.

Now back to that horrible box and the day that Morgan saved me from it...

I'm not crazy, you know.


Well the dolls really are lovely.


Take one, if you want one.
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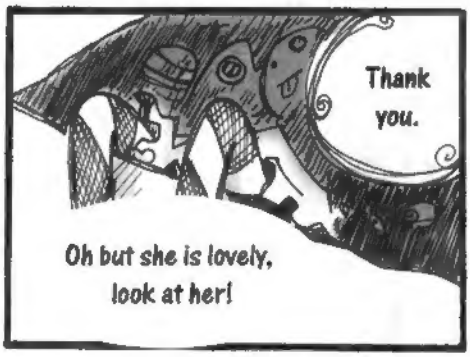
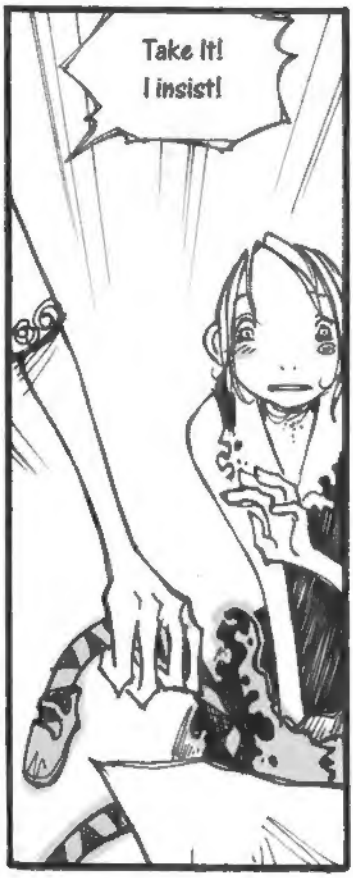
No, I didn't mean...
SHAKE...


Thank you.
Oh but she is lovely, look at her!


Take it! I insist!

Come on, Morgan. I'm ready.

Um,
Okay
Thanks for the doll.
Goodbye, Jillian
Where are we going?
It's a surprise.
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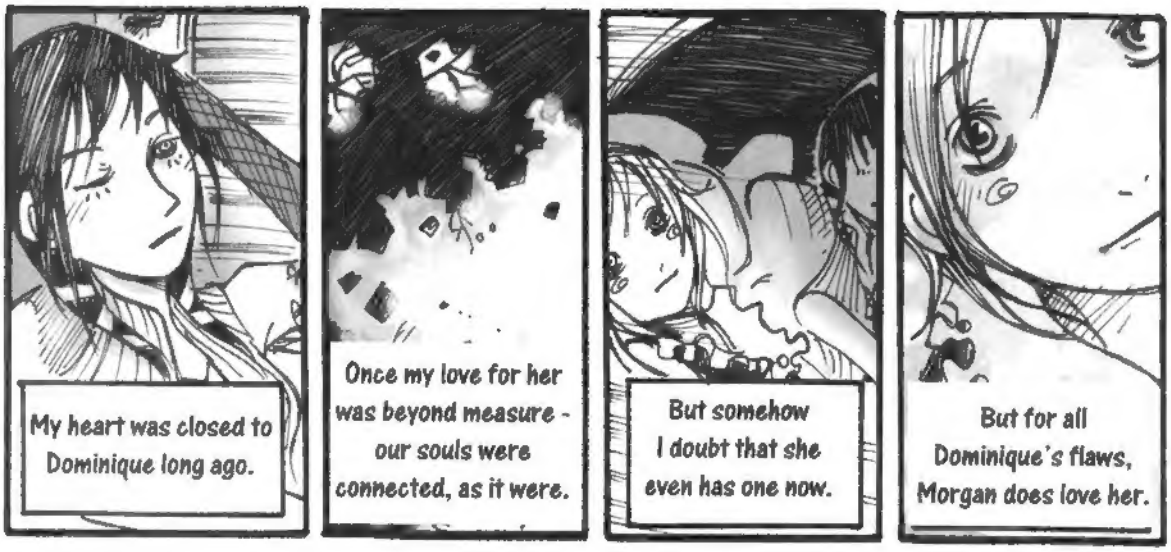
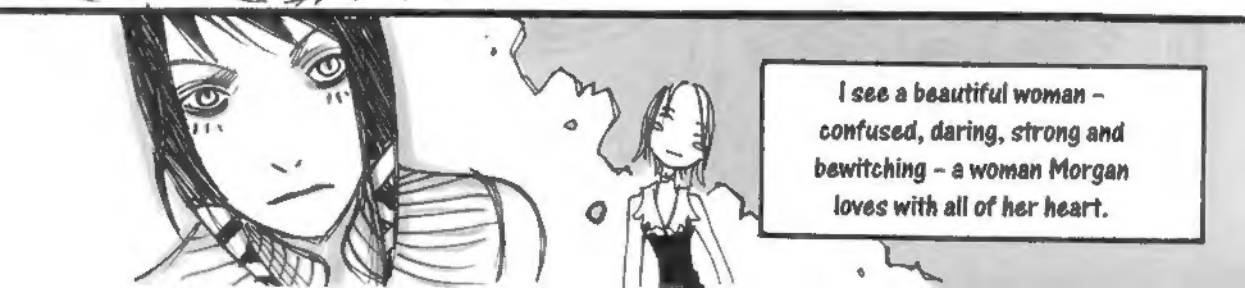


So I take notice of her,

I see her through Morgan's eyes.



This is so beautiful!

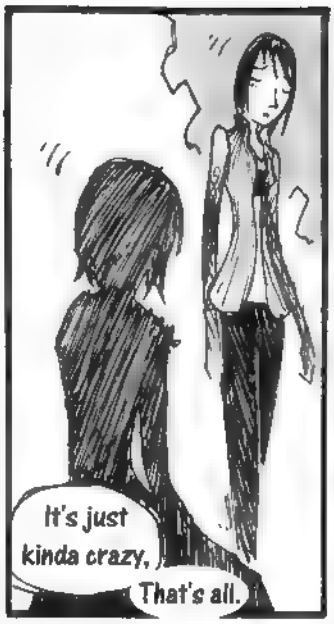
I would like to finish our conversation from the other night

Um,

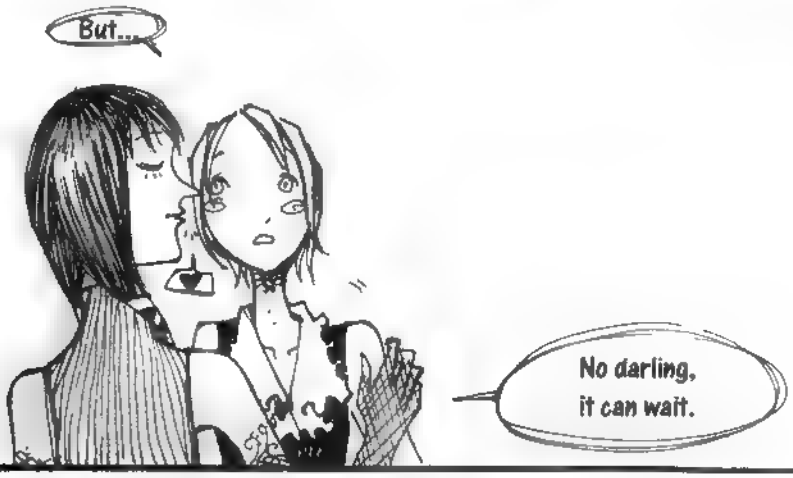
Okay, but...

You don't believe me, do you?

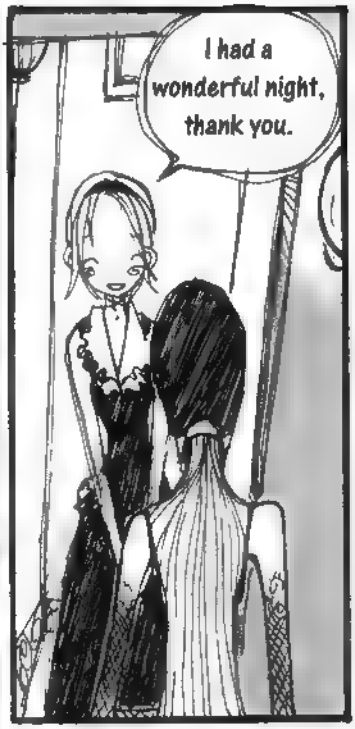
Sure, I do!

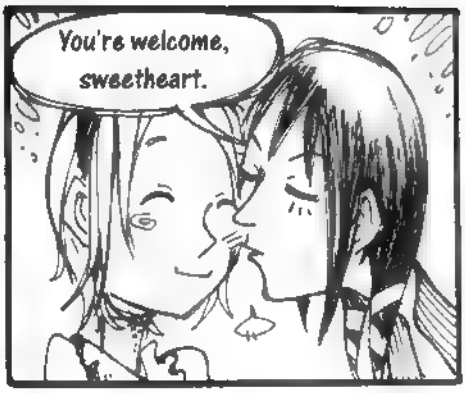

It's just kinda crazy, That's all.

Look,
let's not ruin our special night together. We can talk about it later.

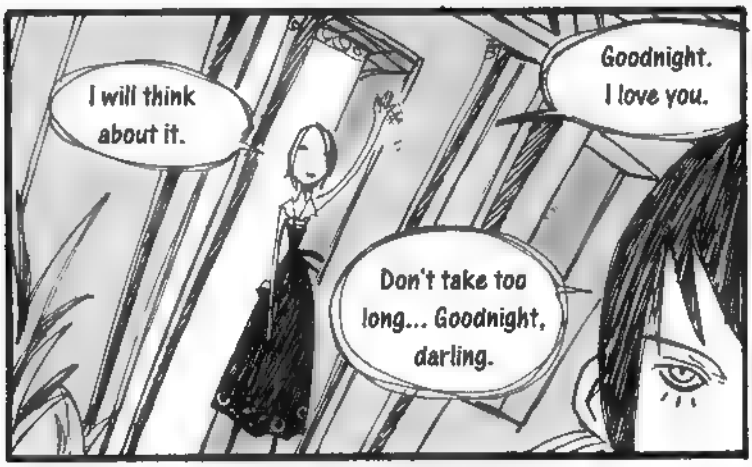

But...
No darling, it can wait.

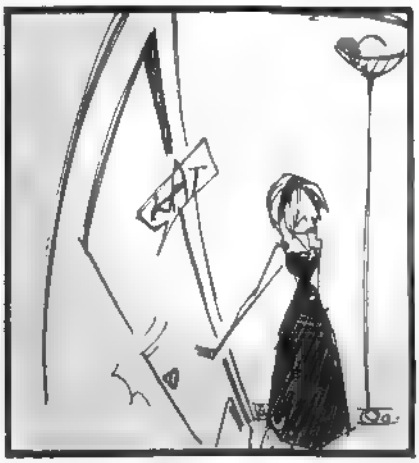
I knew that would shut you up

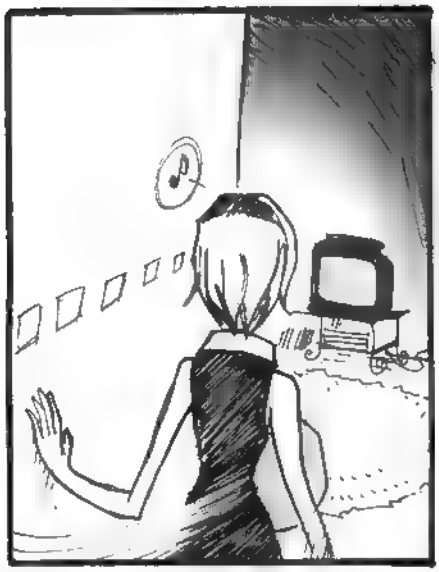

I had a wonderful night, thank you.

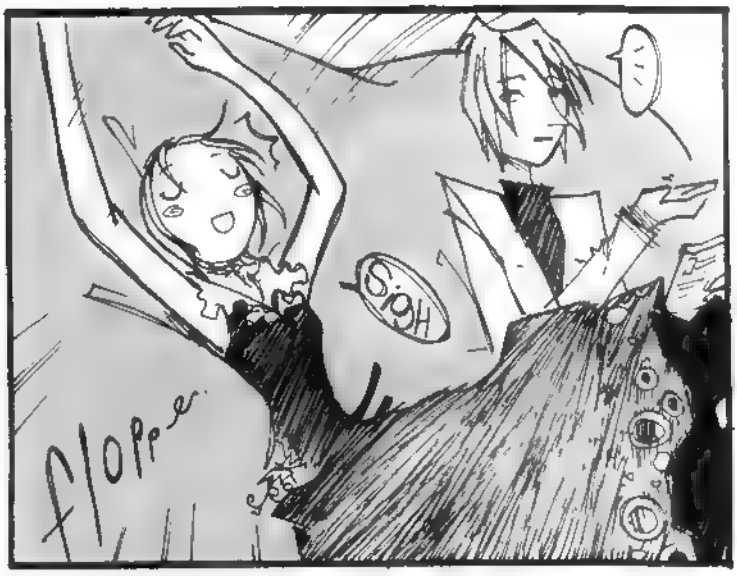

You're welcome, sweetheart.

Remember what I said.


I will think about it.
Goodnight. I love you.
Don't take too long... Goodnight, darling.



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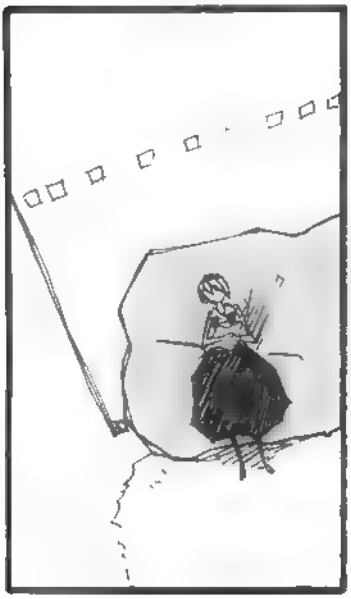
What's wrong with you?

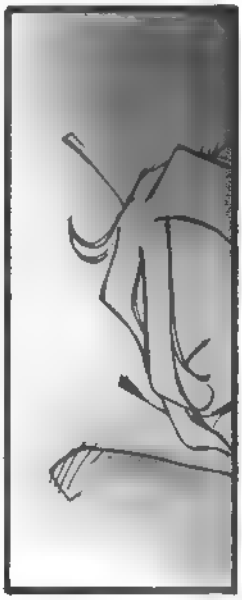
I just had an amazing night, that's all.
Oh nothing, Lylith,

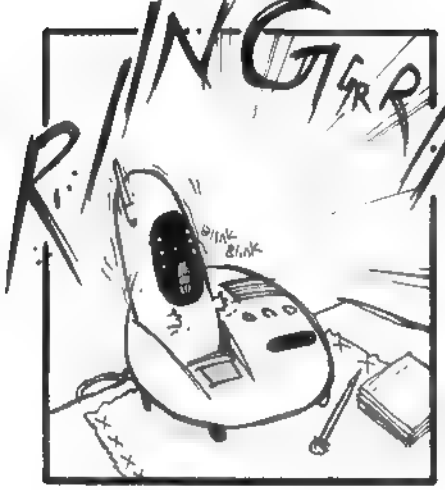
Sweetie, I am going out for a while. I'll be back a little later tonight.
You can tell me all about it then, ok?

Okay,
I am gonna take a nap.

See you later.

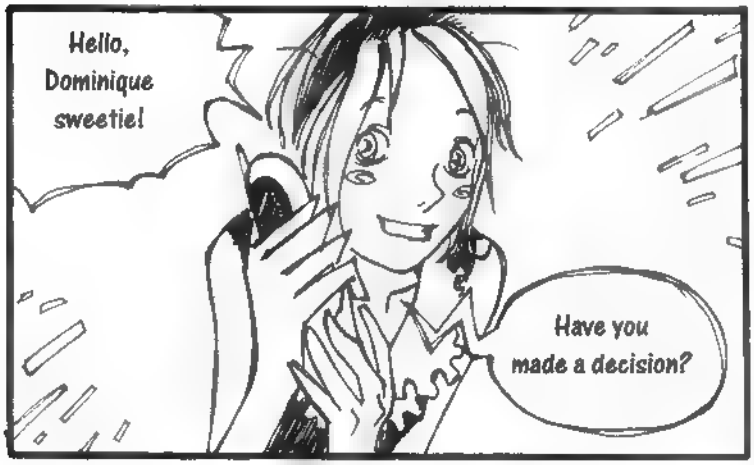





RING
BLINK BLINK

EEK

...Hello?
I've been thinking about you

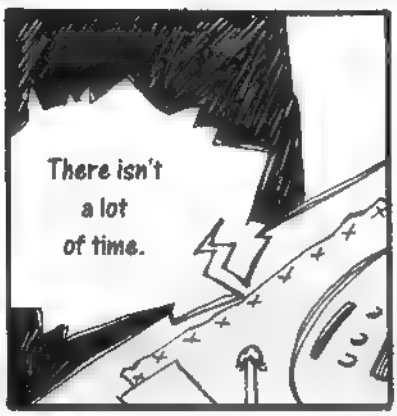

Hello, Dominique sweetie!
Have you made a decision?

No... not yet.

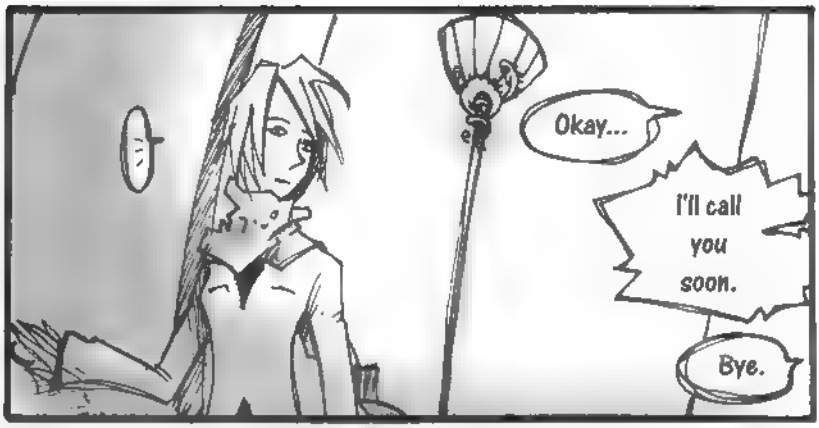
Morgan, are you fucking with me? Have you given this any thought?
Of course I have, it's just that...
Don't you want to be with me forever?

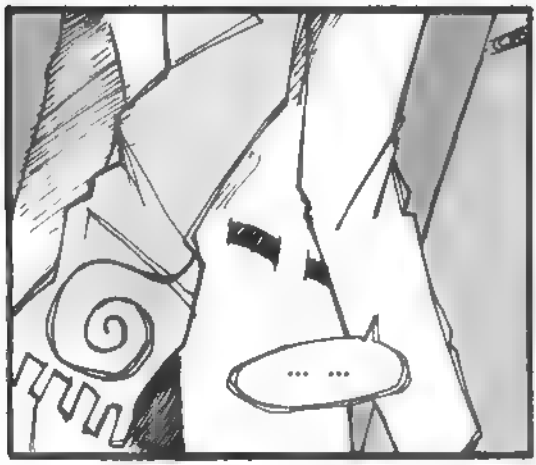
I do, but...
You don't believe me, do you?

Believe her, Morgan
...It's just a lot to think about


There isn't a lot of time.

You better make up your mind soon.


Okay...
I'll call you soon.
Bye.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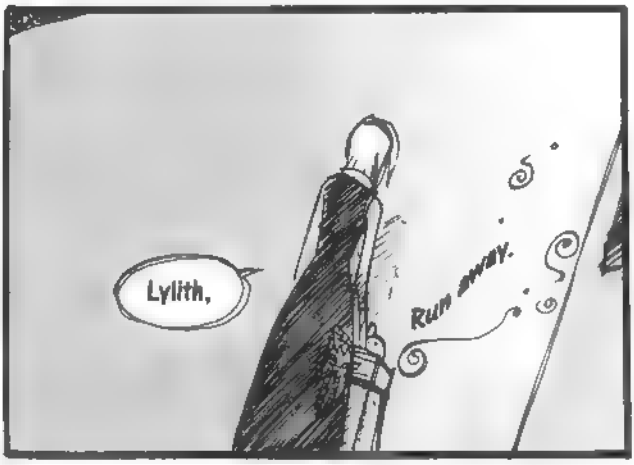
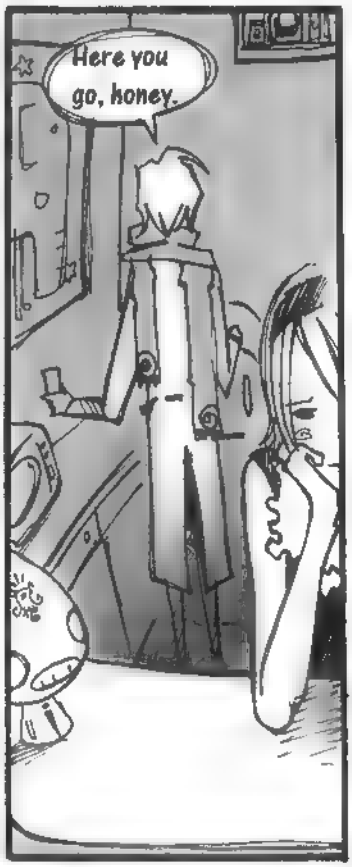

Lylith,
Run away.

I made some screwdrivers earlier. They're in the fridge.
Thank you, sweetheart.
Let's have some.
Okay.


Here you go, honey.

What's wrong?
Um...
Do you mind answering the phone tonight? I don't feel like talking to Dominique right now.

Is she being crazy again?

Sort of.
Is it that fucking vampire thing?
Yes...
I told you she's crazy!
No, she's not!
She thinks that she's a fucking vampire, Morgan!
I don't know what to think.
RING RING...
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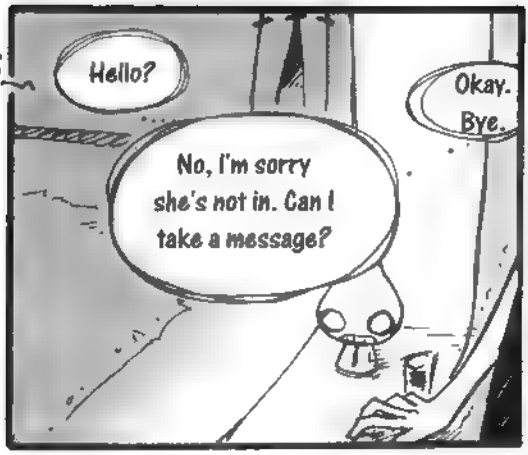
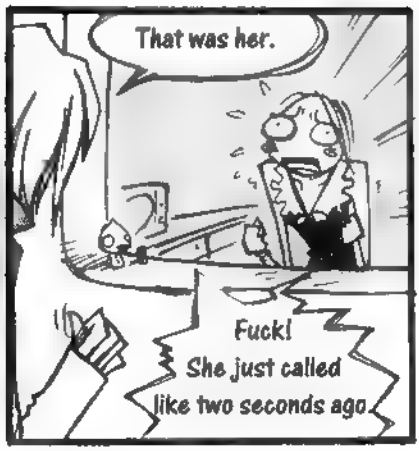
It's Her.
RING...
RRING
I'll get it.
RIN-G.....
RING...

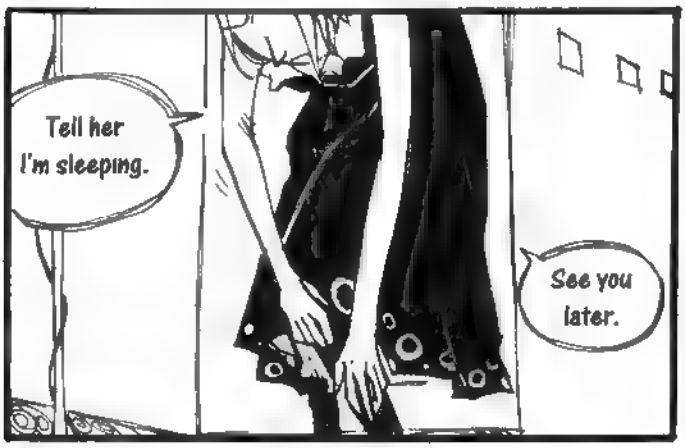

Hello?
No, I'm sorry she's not in. Can I take a message?
Okay. Bye.


That was her.
Fuck! She just called like two seconds ago.

Look, honey.
I hope you're not starting to believe her again, like last time.
I don't know...

I think I'm gonna go spend the night at Ian's.

What should I say if she calls again?


Tell her I'm sleeping.
See you later.

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Morgan?
Hello?
Is someone...
...there?
Morgan,
Leave here.
Run away!
Shit!
I'm freaking
myself out.

DING DOONG...

Hello, Morgan.
Ian's in his room.

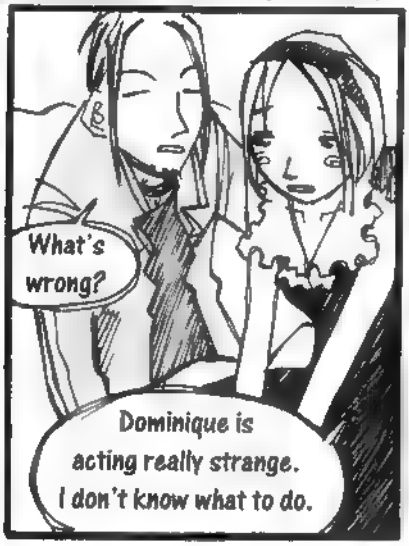
Hi Mimi! Is it okay to go back there?
Sure, honey. He's expecting you.

MEOW

Ian

Hi, Ian.

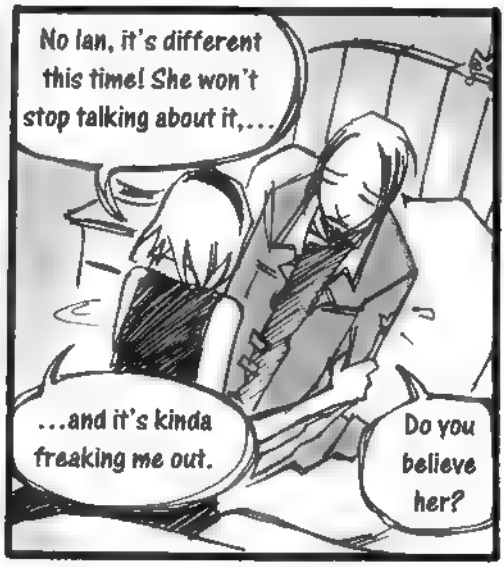
Hello there, beautiful. Sit down.


What's wrong?
Dominique is acting really strange. I don't know what to do.

What did she do?

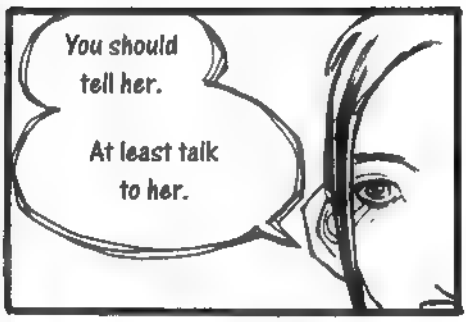
I don't know. I really don't want to talk about it...
it's like one minute she's totally sweet and the next minute she's threatening me.

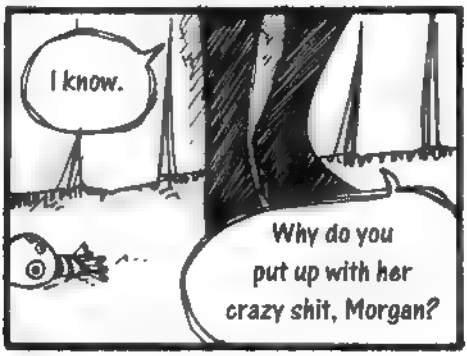
Morgan, she's freaked out like this before, and usually...


No Ian, it's different this time! She won't stop talking about it,...
...and it's kinda freaking me out.
Do you believe her?

I don't think so.

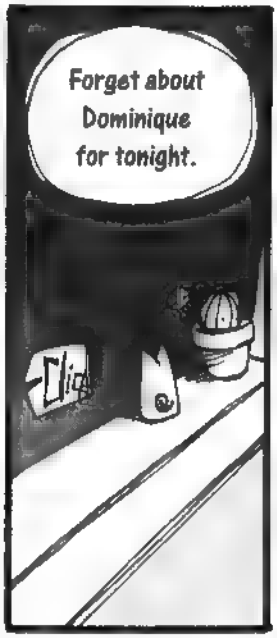
Ian...
I'm scared.
So am I.


You should tell her.
At least talk to her.


I know.
Why do you put up with her crazy shit, Morgan?

I love her. She's my friend.
Do you want to stay the night? Tammy's staying at her Mom's tonight.
She's pissed at me.

Stay with me.
No, please don't stay.


Forget about Dominique for tonight.
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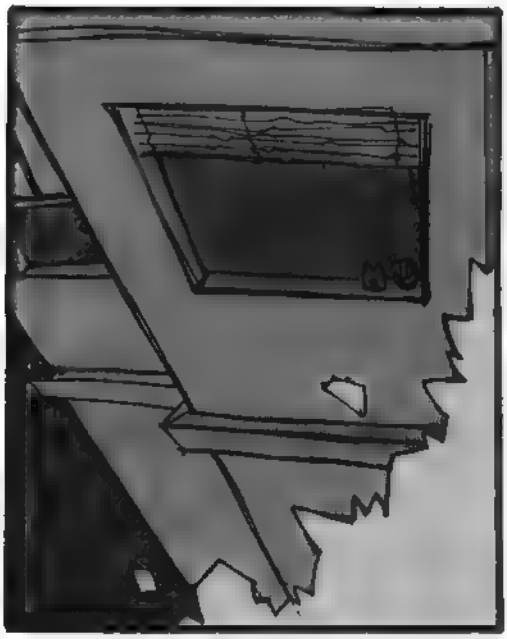

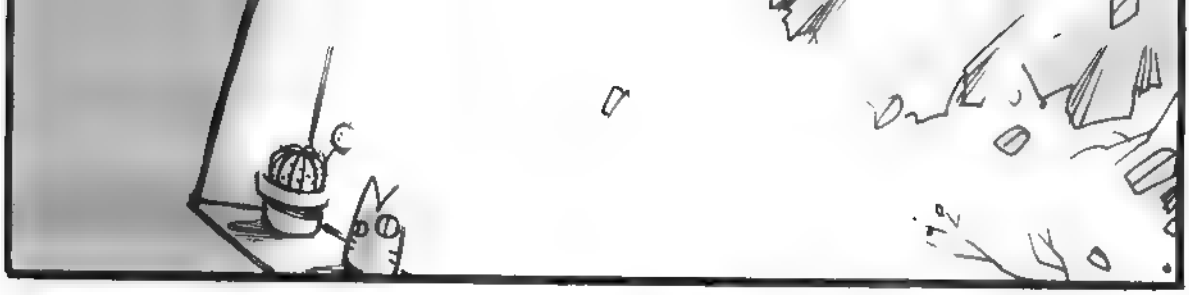

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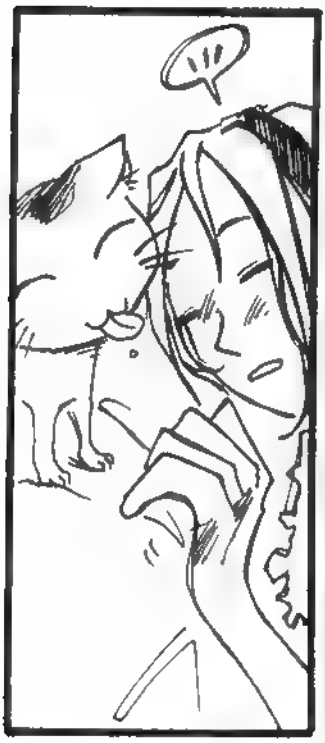


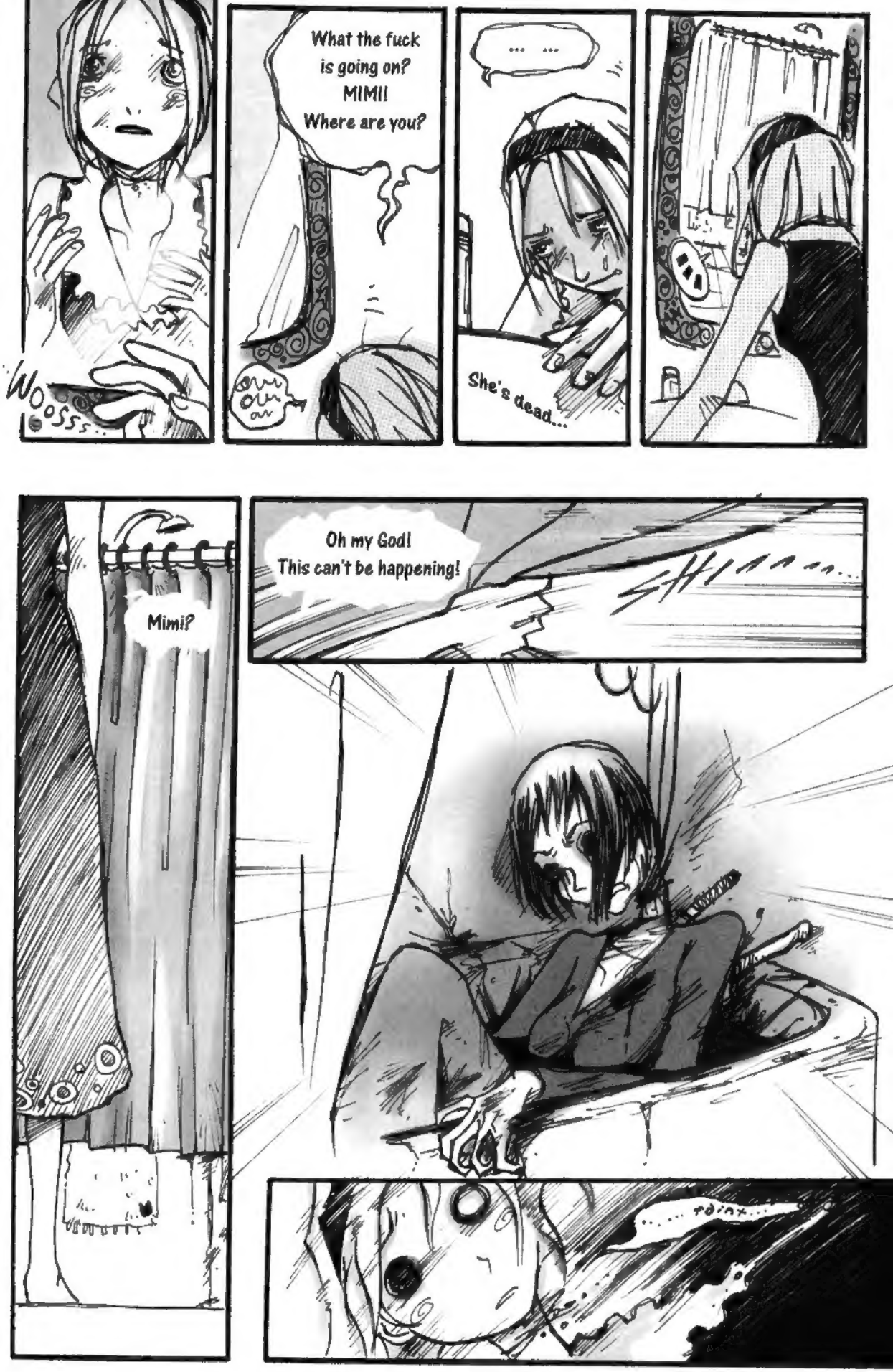
Moonlight!

Look at you! you're so sweet!

What's that, Moonlight?

Are you hurt, kitty?

I...
...Ian!
Oh my God! Mimi!
Mimi, help!


WOOSSS...
What the fuck is going on? MIMI! Where are you?
... ...
She's dead...
Mimi?
Oh my God! This can't be happening!
SHIIIIIIII...
... TOINK...

It has all become so confused over the years, wondering if I am merely a witness to the suffering or the cause of it. I shall never know, or rather I will not allow myself to fully acknowledge it. How can something like myself, created by someone with so much sadness, pain and suffering, be anything but an instrument for the same? But again, that is another story and I digress...

To Be Continued.

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-Serena

Nightmares and Fairy Tales

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Poor little Morgan lying on the bathroom floor in a pool of blood, and understandably freaked out. Morgan embarks on a search for some answers as to why her friends are being murdered. Unfortunately, she goes a little crazy when all the evidence points in her direction. Join the little doll named Annabelle (our narrator) for the horrifying conclusion of the first story in this ongoing series from the writer of GloomCookie.

A Word -
Hello darlings,
I am really enjoying writing this comic. I have really grown to love Annabelle and look forward to the other issues FSc and I have planed. I hope you enjoyed this issue and join us for issue two - look for it in August. Nightmares will be a continuing series made up of short stories. Each story will be one to three issues long and all self-contained. That is not to say that some of the characters will not appear in future stories - but each character will have their own tale and Annabelle would like to share those stories with all of you. Well darlings, thanks for all your squishy letters of anticipation and encouragement!
Pleasant dreams,
-Serena

A message from FSc:
"Gozillions thanks Slavelabor and Serena for taking the risk to give a virtually unknown amateur artist the chance to do NNF. I hope readers will enjoy NNF, and hugs to all those close to me."
-FSc